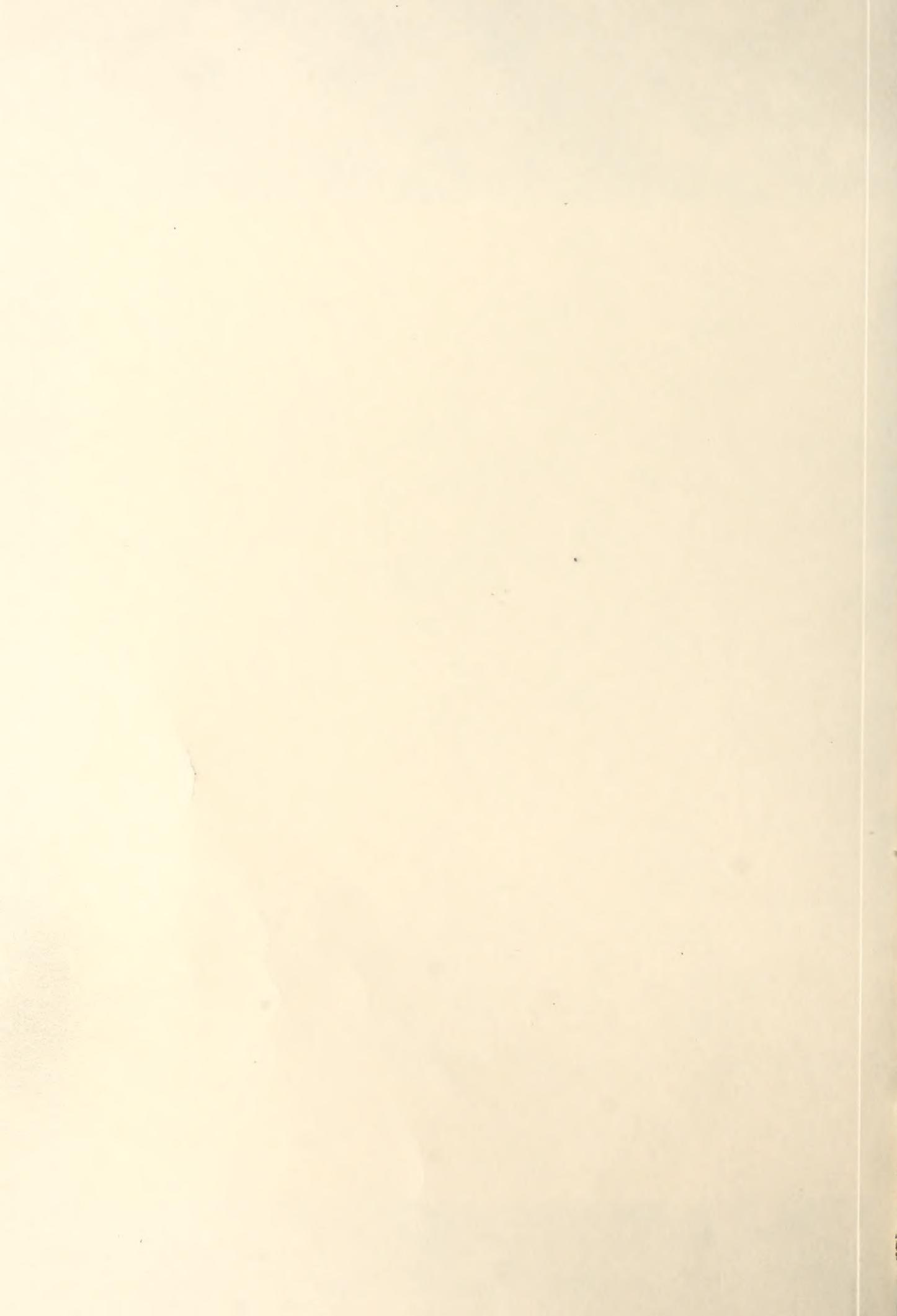


Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.



UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS - EPISODE NO. 523

PROGRAM TITLE
SUSTAINING

ADVERTISER

AGENCY

WRITER THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1943DAY & DATE 11:30-12:00 NOON BLUE

TIME

PRODUCTION NOTES**CHARACTERS**

MARY

BESS

JIM

JERRY

JEFF

SOUND

MASTER Attached as broadcast:

This copy represents as accurately as possible the program. All alterations made in dramatic and/or musical content are contained herein.

CAST

LUCILE HUSTING

KATHERINE CARD

HARVEY HAYS

JOHN LARKIN

PHIL LORD

REMARKS

Production Director

Orchestra Leader

Announcer

Agency Producer or Announcer

311 (3)

11:30-15:00 NOON

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: THEME

3. ANNOUNCER: I guess we've all wondered from time to time what a
4. young man thinks about as he prepares to take up arms
5. for his country in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Well,
6. we've discovered what one man in particular thought about
7. before he shoved off with a gun on his shoulder. He put
8. it in the form of a letter to his local newspaper and,
9. addressing his fellow-towners he said, quote, "It's up
10. to you boys to do your best to see that our interests are
11. protected while we are away, so we may return to our
12. heritage of green forests, clear streams, and a fine
13. abundance of game and fish as we again resume our normal
14. lives under our democratic ways of living," end of quote.
15. There, surely is a grand young American with the love of
16. his country's forests in his heart. We wish him speedy
17. victory and a safe return... to an American that will take
18. care of its natural resources. And now, to the Pine
19. Cone Ranger Station where on a February mid-morning we
20. find Ranger Jim Robbins, his wife Bess, and his assistant
21. Jerry Quick talking about Pete Ramey, one of Jim's former
22. forest guards, who has just been reported missing in
23. overseas action... Here they are...
24. And now the radio station
25. of course. Good, we're back.

1. JIM: (FADE IN) Yep, when I heard the news down town last night, Bess, it kinda got me and... well... I... I...

2. BESS: (GENTLY) I know, Jim. Peter Ramey was one of the finest young men we've ever had here on the Forest.

3. JERRY: Aw now, wait. What d'ya mean, was? Just 'cause Pete's been reported missing doesn't mean he's dead. He could be a prisoner of war, couldn't he? *(Faded, cracked)*

4. BESS: Yes, of course, Jerry.

5. JIM: One of the finest young men and about the best doggoned forest guard I've ever had. And as keen a practical woodsman as anyone could hope for. Take those pine woods of his on his father's place. Planted 'em when he was just a kid and nursed 'em along 'til....

6. BESS: I've been thinking about Peter's father, Jim. He must be taking this terribly hard. And his mother, too. She hasn't been very well lately, you know.

7. JIM: Yes, Bess. I've been thinkin' of old Jeff and Mrs. Ramey, too. And don't forget, there's Bobby, Pete's youngster. The kid'll feel it more'n anybody if his Dad don't come back home.

8. JERRY: Gee, that's right, Jim... Pete's wife died when Bobby was born, didn't she?

9. BESS: Yes, Jerry.

10. JERRY: And now the kid's all alone. 'Cept his grandparents of course. Gosh, that's kinda tough.

1. BESS: Jim, you and Jeff Ramey are old friends. Don't you
2. think you ought to go see him today?

3. JIM: I...I don't know, Bess. That is, I'm not sure anything
4. I could say would help old Jeff right now. He and Pete
5. were the kind of dad-and-son combination you read about
6. and Jeff must be pretty hard hit. I reckon I'd better
7. wait a while. (SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS OFF) H-m-m, sounds
8. like someone's comin'.

9. JERRY: It's Mary. What's she doing here this time of day?

10. DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES

11. BESS: Mary! Aren't you teaching school today?

12. MARY: (WORRIED) Hello everybody.

13. JIM: Hello, Mary.

14. JERRY: Something's wrong. What is it, Mary? ... Here, sit down,
15. and tell us what's worryin' you.

16. MARY: You've heard about Peter Ramey?

17. JIM: Yes. We were just talkin' about him, Mary.

18. BESS: Mary! There's more news?

19. MARY: No. Not about Peter. But I rushed over here from
20. school to tell you about his son, Bobbie, and about
21. Peter's father.

22. JIM: What's happened, Mary?

1. MARY: Well, Bobby came to school as usual this morning, but
2. I could see he'd been crying...but I decided not to
3. say anything as long as he seemed to be bearing up all
4. right. And, for a seven-year old, I must say he was
5. doing splendidly.

6. BESS: I think you were right not to say anything, Mary. The
7. child shouldn't be reminded about....

8. JIM: You mentioned old Jeff, Mary. What about him?

9. MARY: Well I missed Bobby during the morning recess. One of
10. the children said she saw him go toward the wood shed
11. so I went out there myself and there was Bobby back in
12. the corner, crying as though his little heart was breaking.

13. JIM: Go on, Mary.

14. MARY: I tried to calm him by telling him his father was only
15. missing and there was a good chance he'd be home again
16. some day, but I found out that what the child was most
17. worried about right then was his grandpa.

18. JIM: Worried about Jeff? Why?

19. MARY: It seems that when Bobby got up this morning his grandpa
20. had already left the house, with an axe in his hand,
21. according to Mrs. Ramey.

22. JERRY: With an axe? What the dickens does that mean?

23.

24.

25.

1. MARY: Bobby said his grandpa hadn't even come back for
2. breakfast and his grandma was crying and he begged me
3. to not let his grandpa go off some where and not come
4. back, like his daddy did....

5. JERRY: Gosh!

6. BESS: Jim, you've got to do something. You've got to go over
7. to the Ramey place right now.

8. MARY: I wish you would, Mr. Robbins. I turned Bobby over to
9. another teacher and came right over here. But now I've
10. got to go back to the school house. You'll see about
11. Mrs. Ramey won't you, Mr. Robbins?

12. JIM: Of course I will, Mary. You go on back and tell Bobby
13. everything's goin' to be all right, Mary.... Come on, Jerry.

14. BESS: I'm going too, Jim. I'm thinking Mrs. Ramey needs
15. some one (FADE) to look after her too.

16. PAUSE:

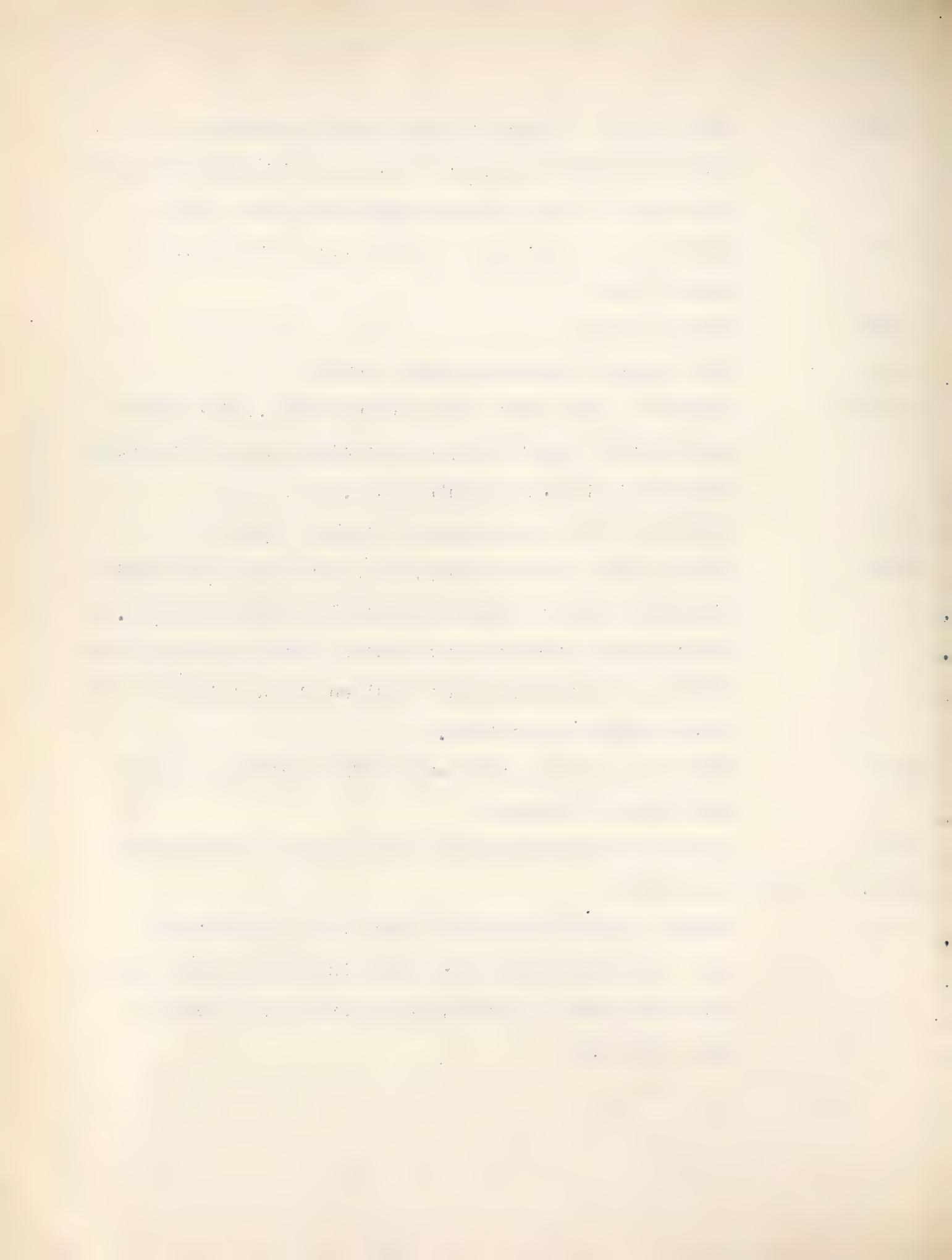
17. JERRY: (FADE IN) It sure was a good thing Mrs. Robbins came
18. along, Jim.

19. JIM: Yeah. Mrs. Ramey was mighty close to collapsing, I guess
20. but Bess'll take care of her all right.

21. JERRY: I couldn't make out who Mrs. Ramey was more worried about -
22. Pete or his father.

23. JIM: A combination of both, I'd say, Jerry. I gotta admit I'm
24. gettin' a bit concerned about Jeff, myself. Of course
25. he's got a sizable place here and we haven't covered all
of it yet, but.....

1. JERRY: There wasn't a sign of him in the big pasture or in
2. those north woods, either. Maybe we'd better get some
3. more men and really scour those woods, huh, Jim?
4. JIM: May have to, Jerry, but I wanna try just one more
5. place first.
6. JERRY: Where's that?
7. JIM: That grove of pines up ahead, Jerry.
8. JERRY: I get it. The pines that Pete planted... Say that's
9. right, Jim. That'd be just the place the old man would
10. head for if he was plannin' to... to...
11. JIM: (GRUFFLY) If he was plannin' to what, Jerry?
12. JERRY: Aw now, don't get me wrong, Jim. But you gotta admit
13. it looks kinda bad when a fellow like Pete's father...
14. You know how fond he was of Pete...when he goes of early
15. in the morning with nothin' but an axe and doesn't show
16. up for meals or anything...
17. JIM: Cut it out, Jerry. Whatever Jeff thought, it wasn't
18. what you're thinking.
19. JERRY: I sure hope you're right, Jim... Wait! What's that?
20. SOUND OF AXE CFF, SUSTAIN
21. JIM: Sounds like an axe to me, Jerry...Yep, there's old
22. Jeff - see him over there, back in those pines, Jerry?...
23. Old Jeff Hamey at the light end of an axe, swingin'
24. away like mad.
25.



1. JERRY: Yeah, He's okay then... But look, Jim, those pines!!
2. Man alive, he's ruining that pine grove. Cuttin' all
3. those young trees that Pete planted.
4. JIM: I guess Jeff must be thinking they're Japs he's
5. sockin' away at. (SERIOUS) But you're right, Jerry.
6. He's in a frame of mind to do a lot of damage without
7. realizing it.... I don't like to interfere with what a
8. man does on his own place but I reckon we better say
9. something to him, Jerry. (FADE) Come on. He sees us....
10. PAUSE
11. FADE IN SOUND OF AXE, SUSTAIN CHOPPING THROUGH CONVERSATION
12. JEFF: (WITH GRUNTS - TIRED) Seems to me, Jim, you could do
13. better takin' care of your timber sales on the Pine Cone
14. Forest instead of takin' time to bother with an old man
15. like me. There's a war on, and they're needin' timber
16. bad. You oughta know that!!
17. JIM: Well, it seems to me, Jeff, you could be a mite more
18. polite with an old friend like me and chat a while without
19. keepin' on swingin' away at those young pines.
20. JEFF: Pete...he...he wasn't so old himself, and they cut him down,
21. 'pears like.
22. JERRY: You mustn't believe Pete's gone, Mr. Ramey. You mustn't.
23. Missing in action isn't the same as...as killed in
24. action.
25.

1. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

2. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

3. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

4. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

5. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

6. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

7. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

8. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

9. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

10. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

11. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

12. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

13. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

14. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

15. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

16. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

17. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

18. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

19. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

20. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

21. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

22. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

23. *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.) *Leucostoma* (L.)

1. JEFF: They got my Pete, oneway or another. And I reckon
2. this is about the only way I can get some solid licks
3. in.

4. JIM: I understand, Jeff. They took your boy. And now you're
5. taking Pete's pine trees...this timber here that Pete
6. planted himself and took care of through the years...
7. You're cuttin' it down figurin' that's the best way
8. you can get even for whatever mighta happened to Pete, huh?
9. JEFF: Put it any way you like, Jim. I gotta do what I see
10. right to do.

11. JIM: Okay, Jeff. I guess we might as well go along, Jerry....
12. No, wait. I got just one more thing to say, Jeff.
13. What you're doin' here, cuttin' all these young pines
14. down before their time....

15. JEFF: Pete was cut down 'fore his time, wasn't he?

16. JIM: What I was goin' to say was this, Jeff. (SLOWLY) I
17. don't think Pete would agree to this. I don't think
18. he'd like it very much, wherever he is... Come on, Jerry.

19. AXE SOUNDS OUT

20. JEFF: Wait a minute, Jim. What d'ya mean, Pete wouldn't like it?
21. JIM: Jeff, I reckon I don't have to tell you how close your
22. boy, Pete, and I were...
23. JEFF: I know Pete thought a heap of you, Jim.
24.
25.

1. JIM: We used to talk about this pine grove here quite a
2. lot, Pete and me, Jeff.

3. JEFF: I know, Jim, and I'm not forgettin' what good friends
4. you and my boy was but...

5. JIM: Seems to me that Pete figured all along he was growing
6. this pine forest for his son, Bobby. Pete used to tell
7. me these pine trees growing up here oughta help Bobby
8. have easier sailing than he did, as far as schooling
9. and the like is concerned. I... well, I'm surprised
10. you didn't know that, Jeff, about Pete's plans for
11. Bobby and all, and how much he was counting on these
12. pines.

13. JEFF: (VERY WEARY) I knew it, Jim. I knew it... I guess I
14. just...well I kinda forgot. These are Bobby's trees,
15. aren't they? I had no right to lay an axe to 'em.

16. JIM: (GENTLY) Jerry and I went through your north woods, Jeff,
17. tryin' to find you. There's some fine big timber in
18. those woods, Jeff.

19. JERRY: Sure, Mr. Ramey. Some of it's ready for cutting right
20. now and it'd help out a lot more in the war than this
21. little stuff....

22. JEFF: (WEARY) I guess I kinda went off the handle, Jim. When
23. I heard about Pete, though, I reckon I didn't realize
24. what I was doin'. All I could think about was what they
25. did to my boy and somehow I came straight on here and ...
well, this is all dadgummed spite, Jim, that's what it is...
I gotta admit it...

1. JIM: Shucks, I understand, Jeff.
2. JEFF: My wife and me... we've still got little Bobby anyway, ain't we? And like you say, there is a chance Pete's all right, too...
- 3.
- 4.
5. JERRY: Sure there is, Mr. Ramey, a swell chance....
6. JEFF: Maybe I can make this up to Bobby some way, cuttin' his trees down. I'll help him plant some more trees or something. That'll make it all right, won't it, Jim?
- 7.
- 8.
9. JIM: Sure it will, Jeff. Now, what do you say? Ready to come back to the house with us? Bess is there and it's about time you got some grub under that belt of yours.
- 10.
- 11.
12. JEFF: Sure, Jim, sure... I'd be obliged to you, Jim, if you'd let me take your arm to lean on, kinda.
- 13.
14. JIM: All right, Jeff. That's it! Jerry, you bring the axe, will you?
- 15.
16. JERRY: Okay, Jim.
17. JEFF: I... I reckon I'm just an old fool, Jim, forgettin' little Bobby that way and hackin' down those young pines of his...
- 18.
- 19.
20. JIM: Forget it, Jeff. What you need is some hot food like I said....
- 21.
22. JEFF: I'm not hungry, Jim. No, I ain't hungry at all. The matter with me is I'm tired, Jim, (FADE) awful tired...
- 23.

1. MUSICAL FINALE
2. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation with the cooperation of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.
- 17.
- 18.
- 19.
20. we: 10:00
2/16/43
- 21.
- 22.
- 23.
- 24.
- 25.

